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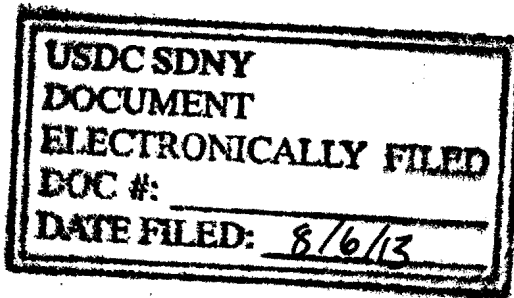
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(212) 805-6111The Honorable Henry B. Pitman  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007Re: Sea Trade Maritime Corp., et al., v. Stelios Coutosodontis, et al.  
Case No.: 09 Civ. 488 (LGS) (HBP)  
Our File No.: 1591.0001

Dear Judge Pitman:

We represent defendant General Maritime Enterprises Corp. ("General Maritime") in this action. We write regarding the upcoming September 12, 2013 settlement conference.

General Maritime is a foreign corporation with offices located in Greece, where all persons with decision-making authority reside. Furthermore, plaintiffs' claim against General Maritime is based on alter ego-type allegations. Accordingly, it will be prohibitively costly for a representative of General Maritime to attend the conference and it is unlikely that a General Maritime representative's presence will substantially advance prospects for settlement.

Based upon the foregoing, General Maritime respectfully requests that it be excused from attendance at the settlement conference.

We thank the Court in advance for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

**BROWN GAVALAS & FROMM LLP**

Peter Skoufalos

~~THE~~ GENERAL MARITIME'S  
REPRESENTATIVE WOULD NOT BE  
PRESENT FOR THE CONFERENCE  
SO LONG AS HE/SHE IS  
AVAILABLE BY PHONE.

SO ORDERED

HENRY PITMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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